Prairie View A&M University has produced more African-American three-star flag officers than any other school. Those officers include seven army generals and two navy admirals. ★

High Points

Graduates from Prairie View A&M University have earned commissions in the Combat Arms branches of Aviation, Air Defense Artillery, Field Artillery, Infantry and Armor; the Combat Support branches of the Corps of Engineers, Military Intelligence, Military Police and Signal Corps; as well as the Service Support Branches of the Finance Corps, Ordnance Corps, Transportation Corps, Medical Service Corps and Adjutant General. Additionally, graduates from the NROTC program have been commissioned in Surface Warfare, Naval Aviation, Nuclear Power and the United States Marine Corps.
The University’s Reserve Officer Training Corps is a shining example of the many firsts achieved by Prairie View A&M University. The nine flag rank officers and nearly 1,800 commissioned officers who began their preparation on the site of the former Alta Vista Plantation are a testament to the significant military contributions of PVAMU.

In 1943, Prairie View A&M University began one of the nation’s first Army ROTC programs designated to train African-American officers. The first group of men prepared the way for generations of soldiers and commissioned officers who would begin their military service on the University’s “Hill.”

The Navy ROTC was established in 1968, making it the first HBCU to house such a program. Officers from PVAMU have served the United States in every war since Korea and graduates from Prairie View A&M University have earned commissions in all areas of the military.

In 2006, the University celebrated its 130-year anniversary with a gala commemorating its rich military history and honoring flag rank officers of both the United States Army and Navy.

Other notable accomplishments include:

- PVAMU Cadet, Michael C. Bloom, Class of 2012, a four-year ROTC scholarship winner from College Station, Texas, received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After attending Airborne (parachutist) training he will continue his studies at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

- The Army ROTC has grown from 32 cadets during the 2004-2005 academic year to 84 cadets in the 2007-2008 academic year. Additionally, scholarship awards have increased from an average of $34,000 to $61,000 per school year during the same time period.

- Between 2003 and 2007, the Naval ROTC program graduated and commissioned 32 Ensigns in the U.S. Navy and 3 Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Marine Corps.

- Lieutenant Colonel Carol L. Strong served as the first female Professor of Military Science at Prairie View A&M University from January 2004 - January 2008.

- The Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education unanimously selected Prairie View A&M University alumnus David L. Brewer, III ’70 as the 46th superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) in November 2006. Brewer, a retired Navy three-star admiral, was selected to lead the LAUSD, the second-largest school district in the United States, based on his dedication to educational programs, leadership skills and impressive 35-year career in the U.S. Navy.
Service-Learning Opportunities allow PVAMU students to learn the value of partnership and civic engagement through community service opportunities. The goal is not just to engage students in community service but to have the students ask and examine larger social questions. In addition to class projects, the University promotes service-learning through the Panthers-At-Work (PAW) Community-Wide Clean-Up Project. The event is hosted annually and engages University students, faculty and local citizens in community service projects throughout Waller County.

VITA Program Since 2003, College of Business students and faculty volunteers have joined with the Internal Revenue Service to increase earned income tax credit (EITC) awareness. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free income tax preparation for low-income individuals and families, students, senior citizens and non-English speaking people. In 2008, volunteers prepared and filed 171 tax returns at no cost to clients.

FBI Day on The Hill Marketing students in marketing communications course MRKT 4393 created a working marketing agency to develop and execute their own marketing campaign to address the Bureau’s recruitment needs. Students received a budget of $2,500 to put their plans in place and presented their findings to an FBI agent and to a partner with consulting and marketing firm EdVenture. The goal of the campaign was to increase awareness and consideration of the FBI as a profession (shown below middle).

ACCESS Armed with a mountain of supplies, books and sincere passion, a team of faculty, staff and more than 120 students from Prairie View A&M University traveled to New Orleans to aid a group of devoted New Orleans teachers of the Lusher Charter School renovate the historic Fortier High School. Over four days in July 2006, the team also provided much needed attention to the remaining citizens with mental and developmental disabilities through collaboration with the ARC of Greater New Orleans. The University’s ACCESS Program was the architect of these two community service-learning projects. Prairie A&M University’s ACCESS Program stands for Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success.

Community Development Program The PVAMU Community Development Graduate Program coordinated community service and service-learning activities at the Wyatt Chapel Slave Cemetery in April 2007. More than 60 students representing Waller High School’s National Honor Society joined graduate students of PVAMU’s Community Development Program to extend clean-up efforts of the historic slave cemetery located behind the University’s main campus. Researchers and students from Rice University also joined PVAMU graduate students in excavating the burial ground, which the program hopes to fully document and study for historical and academic purposes.

Prairie View A&M University Humanitarian Awards, first initiated during the 2004-2005 academic year, are awarded annually during the University’s spring commencement exercises. The award recognizes a Prairie View A&M University student and a community member whose life and humanitarian service clearly exemplify a true spirit of love and helpfulness to others. As a state institution dedicated to service to the community, PVAMU uses the Humanitarian Award as a way to inspire students, alumni, faculty, staff and members of the community to live a productive life dedicated to responding to the unmet needs of others.

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Point of View

During my time at PVAMU, I have learned a lot of things - from time management to teamwork. During the PAW community service project, I was able to bring all of that together and understand the importance of caring for your community. I will try and give the students in my classroom the same experience.

Whitney Hawkins,
Senior early childhood education major

Humanitarian Award Recipients

Five Points of excellence

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